

THE COURTS.

TAKING A YOUNG GIRL FROM A CONVENT.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children two years ago caused the arrest of Minnie Evans and Jane Evans, his wife, of No. 142 Cherry Street, because of their treatment of Sam McAll, a girl seven years of age. It was claimed that Mrs. Evans was training the girl to habits of vice, and Judge Donlon committed her to the care of the Sisters of St. Dominic in New Jersey. A young man named George Banks, who claimed he was the son of a man sent to the institution last week, and who had been away from the Sisters, The officers of the Society learned that the girl had been returned into Evans' hands, and procured warrants for the arrest of Evans, his wife and Banks. Mrs. Evans came away to New Jersey with the child. Evans and Banks were brought before Justice Donlon, who remanded them to the police, and the facts of the case were recited. Evans said that he would give up the child if he could find his wife and persuade her to do so. The prisoners were held in default of \$1,000 bail. Search is being made for Mrs. Evans and the child.

FINES FOR LOTTERY DEALERS.

In the criminal branch of the United States Circuit Court yesterday, Judge Benedict presiding, Samuel W. Webb, alias Wilson, William D. Knapp and Joseph Emerson, who entered pleas of *noe contumacy* to the indictments against them for sending lottery circulars through the mails, were each fined \$400 and costs. The full extent of the penalty under the act goes to \$1,000. The indictments against John and Cesario Viadero, alias Martin's & Co., also indicated for sending lottery circulars through the mails, entered pleas of *noe contumacy*. Sentence was deferred.

FOUND GUILTY OF BIGAMY.

The trial of John E. Cowan on the charge of bigamy was held in the Kings County Court of Sessions yesterday. The charge was made by Elizabeth Dent, to whom he was married on October 14. It was shown that in 1866 he was married to Maria Monse by the Rev. S. D. Brown, of the Bedford Street Methodist Episcopal Church in this city, and that his wife was living at the time of his marriage to Miss Dent. The jury rendered a verdict of guilty.

CIVIL NOTES.

E. M. Plum, who has been Chief Recording Clerk in the County Clerk's office for so many years that his name has become a household word to all whose business calls there, the office was removed yesterday by Mr. Thompson. A young man named Hugh T. Dolan was appointed in his place.

A motion was made before Judge Gilbert, in the Kings County Supreme Court yesterday, to open the judgment of absolute divorce obtained in 1877 by William Steets from Julian Steets, and to allow the defendant to present a defense. The defendant submitted affidavits declaring that the testimony given against her was false, and that she who has since married again denies that there was any fraud or irregularity. The motion was denied.

The suit of Elizabeth McAuley, by a guardian ad litem, against Lewis F. Booth, of No. 104 Greenwich-ave., to recover \$5,000 damages for the loss of the plaintiff's right eye, was tried yesterday before Judge Neeson, in the Bronx City Court. The allegation of the plaintiff was that on June 4 the defendant's son, a boy of about fourteen, who was playing with a bow and arrow, shot at her, the point of the arrow entering her eye and instantly destroying the sight. The jury rendered a verdict of \$1,000 for the plaintiff.

CRIMINAL NOTES.

James A. Hartnett, jointly indicted with William H. Maxwell in attempting to defraud the Government by means of fraudulent paper, was yesterday admitted to bail by United States Commissioner Shields in \$3,000.

Only three jurors were empannelled yesterday in the trial of William Kean, indicted with James A. Hartnett, for the same offense. Some difficulty was experienced in finding men who had not formed any opinion as to the guilt of the accused man from the published statements. The list of jurors submitted was run through in the morning, and the case was adjourned.

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